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To: Naval Criminal Investigative Service Headquarters (Code 00LJF)  
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By email to: ncis foia@ncis.navy.mil

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I'm writing to request copies of records concerning or relating to the NCIS investigation into Capt. Brian Sorenson, former commanding officer of the cruiser Anzio.

My request would include, but not be limited to your investigation into his allegations of sexual assault during his time as commanding officer of the USS Anzio. The responsive documents must include the enclosures, appropriately redacted to protect individual privacy, including witness statements.

It should be noted that NCIS has already publically acknowledged it opened an investigation into Sorenson, meaning the investigation may not be protected by a Glomar response.

See story below:

<http://www.navytimes.com/story/military/2015/09/16/anzio-brian-sorensen-command-investigation/32495611/>

I request expedited processing as I am a journalist who is primarily engaged in disseminating information and my request concerns a matter of compelling need on a breaking story of interest to the general public: the actions of senior Navy officials, who serve in the public trust.

This information is being sought on behalf of Navy Times for dissemination to the general public. I am gathering this information because of public interest regarding Navy leaders and senior officials.

I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. My preference is to receive corresponding records in an electronic format via email to dlarter@navytimes.com.

As members of the news media and publishers of the primary news publication serving the men and women of the U.S. military, we at Sightline Media Group consider this information to have significant public interest and therefore request that you waive the processing fees. If not waived, I agree to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$20. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me prior to incurring the expense.

As provided by the open records law, I will expect your response within (10) business days, as the statute requires for expedited requests.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material, as required.

Please contact me by email dlarter@navytimes.com or telephone (703) 750-8645 if I can clarify or expedite this request. Thanks for your help!

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Sincerely,

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